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(54) Title: ENCAPSULATED FUNCTIONAL BAKERY INGREDIENTS

(57) Abstract: The present invention is concerned with lipid-encapsulated or lipid-coated functional bakery ingredients. More particularly, the invention relates to a granule suitable for use in the preparation of a dough, comprising: a. a hydrophilic core with a diameter of at least 5 µm, said core containing a functional bakery ingredient selected from the group of enzymes, oxidoreduc-
tants, acidulants, hydrocolloids, starches, yeast, sugars, water, flavours and combinations thereof; and b. a lipophilic substantially continuous layer encapsulating the core, which layer contains at least 50 wt.% triglyceride fat with a slip melting point of at least 30°C and at least 1 wt.% of a release agent selected from the group of monoglycerides, diglycerides, diacetyl tartaric acid ester of mono and/or diglyceride (datem), stearyl-lactylates and combinations thereof. Other aspects of the invention relate to methods for preparing the aforementioned encapsulated or coated ingredients and the use of these lipid-encapsulated or lipid-coated ingredients in the preparation of a dough composition.

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1. claims: 1-16

Invention 1 relates to granules comprising enzymes.

2. claims: 1-16

Invention 2 relates to granules comprising oxidoreductants.

3. claims: 1-16

Invention 3 relates to granules comprising acidulants.

4. claims: 1-16

Invention 4 relates to granules comprising hydrocolloids.

5. claims: 1-16

Invention 5 relates to granules comprising starches.

6. claims: 1-16

Invention 6 relates to granules comprising yeast.

7. claims: 1-16

Invention 7 relates to granules comprising sugars.

8. claims: 1-16

Invention 8 relates to granules comprising water.

9. claims: 1-16

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Invention 9 relates to granules comprising flavours. The application relates to a plurality of inventions, or groups of inventions, in the sense of Rule 13.1 PCT. They have been divided as defined above. The requirement of unity shall be fulfilled only when there is a technical relationship among those inventions having one or more of the same or corresponding technical features. The expression "special technical feature" (SFT) shall mean those technical features that define a contribution over the prior art.

Claim 1 of the present application relates to a granule comprising a core containing one or more ingredients suitable for baking selected from the group of

1. enzymes, 2. oxidoreductants, 3. acidulants,
4. hydrocolloids, 5. starches, 6. yeasts, 7. sugars
8. water, 9. flavours

The core is encapsulated with a lipophilic coating having a specific composition. The only technical feature in common between all different groups is the lipid-coated core. This lipid-coated core is disclosed in US-3716381 (cited in the application). Said document discloses the coating of sorbic acid, an acidulant, with a mixture of a hardened oil and a monoglyceride (see ex 1-4). Hence, the Search Authority considers that claim 1 constitutes 9 different inventions: Claims 2-16 are either specific embodiments of the subject-matter of claim 1 (claims 2-10) or relate to compositions comprising the granule of claim 1 (claims 11 and 12), the use of the composition of claims 11 and 12 (claim 13) or the production of the granule (claims 15 and 16).

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